



BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
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January 14, 2009 MEETING

374 HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

MINUTES

Commissioners Present

Steven Afriat, President
Renée Campbell, Vice President
Diana Wood, Secretary
James Barger, Commissioner
Sara Vasquez, Commissioner

County Representatives

Barbara Goul, Principal Deputy County Counsel
Joseph Dangerfield, Treasurer and Tax Collector
Ben Garcia, Sheriff's Department
Carl Mc Craven, Sheriff's Department
Paul Wong, Beaches and Harbor
Carmen Sainz, Regional Planning
Doug Chastain, Regional Planning
Jose De La Rosa, Regional Planning
Phillip Smith, Regional Planning

Absent Commissioners

Commission Services Staff

Nyla Jefferson
Rhonda Rangel

Guests

Michael Archer
Brenda Lott
Paulette Franklin
Henry C. Hu
Charles Colby
Daniel Grigsby, Attorney
Kristine Minasyan
Melodee Von
John Arrelano
Joe Nezdoba
Roger Diamond, Attorney

There were over 20 participants. The complete attendance roster is on file in the Commission office.

CALL TO ORDER

President Afriat called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

ACTION TAKEN: MINUTES of January 7, 2009-Approved

Motion: Secretary Wood, seconded by Commissioner Barger

Vote: Unanimously Carried

PUBLIC HEARING

Application for Annual Dance Business License, ID #135399

Paulette Franklin
Discipline Motivation Self-Esteem
Through the Arts
3804 West Slauson
Los Angeles (Second District)

Joseph Dangerfield, Treasurer and Tax Collector, reported that the applicant has obtained all necessary County approvals. Jose De La Rosa, Department of Regional Planning, stated that establishment requires additional parking, needs to remove two illegal structures, remove a banner outside on the building, and clear the junk and salvage stored in the back of the building. Paulette Franklin, applicant, was unaware of the issues and violations existing with the property. Ms. Franklin also stated that her lease will expire on March 31, 2009 and due to the problems presented to her, she is not going to renew her lease and will move her business. The Commission would like to invite the property owner to the April 1, 2009 Commission meeting.

Members of the public spoke in support and against the issuance of the license.

ACTION TAKEN: The item was continued to April 1, 2009.

Motion: Vice President Campbell, seconded by President Afriat

Vote: Unanimously carried

Recommendation to Deny Application for an Entertainment- General with Dance & Annual Dance Business License ID #135587

Charles Colby
The Organic Panificio LLC
4211 Admiralty Way
Marina Del Rey (Fourth District)

Joseph Dangerfield, Treasurer and Tax Collector, reported that the applicant obtained a Temporary Use permit to hold a New Year's Eve Party. He further reported that he received approvals from LA County Fire Department and Building and Safety. However,

he is awaiting approvals from Beaches and Harbor and fingerprint clearance from the Sheriff's Department. Charles Colby, applicant, and Daniel Griesby, Attorney were present. Mr. Griesby stated that his client does not agree with the hours of operation presented in the list of conditions from the Department of Beaches and Harbor because an adjacent business to the above location is allowed to stay open longer. Paul Wong, Department of Beaches and Harbors, stated that the above-mentioned business has the same closing hours of operations as similar business in the same area.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission overturned the recommendation to deny the above-mentioned license with the following conditions:

- Ask the Treasurer and Tax Collectors Office to include all the conditions received by the Department of Beaches and Harbors with the following exceptions:
 - Allow alcohol sales until 2:00 a.m.
 - Hours of operation for Entertainment and Dance, Sunday-Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. and Friday and Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.
- Within 60 days of issuance of license, applicant must complete soundproofing of windows and continue to maintain all soundproofing.
- Waive the stage requirement.
- Once license is issued, applicant is to return for a 120 day publicly noticed hearing.

Motion: President Afriat, seconded by Secretary Wood

Ayes: President Afriat, Secretary Wood, Commissioner Barger and Commissioner Vasquez

Nays: Vice President Campbell

Vote: Motion Passed

Application for Taxicab Operator/Taxicab Vehicles 4 (Service Areas 6 and 11), Business License, ID #135278 (Cont'd from 12-3 /17-08)

Yellow Star Cab
Best Taxi & Delivery Service LLC
45326 Trevor Avenue
Lancaster (Fifth District)

As requested at the December 17, 2008 Commission meeting, Kristine Minsanyan, applicant, presented the Commission with a list of calls for service of areas that they are currently unable to provide service too.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the above-mentioned license.

Motion: Commissioner Barger, seconded by Commissioner Vasquez

Vote: Unanimously carried
(The Commission recessed at 10:22 a.m. and reconvened at 10:29 a.m.)

Application For Issuance Of Information Card And Notice Of Intention To Solicit

Michael Archer
The Water Cache Project
P.O. Box 128
Glendora (Fifth District)

Michael Archer, applicant, provided a brief background on his organization. He also stated that the goals of the organization are to provide water to wildlife, protect homeowners and to provide water to firefighters. Mr. Archer stated that two signatures are required on all checks issued by the organization.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the issuance of the Information Card.

Motion: Commissioner Barger, seconded by Vice President Campbell

Vote: Unanimously carried

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the application for Notice of Intention to Solicit.

Motion: Commissioner Barger, seconded by Vice President Campbell

Vote: Unanimously carried

Application For Issuance Of Information Card And Notice Of Intention To Solicit

Lotts of Hope
Brenda Lott
6026 Castana Ave
Lakewood (Fourth District)

Brenda Lott, applicant, stated that her organization houses homeless men and women recovering from drug and alcohol addiction and provides them food, clothing and laundry facilities. There are currently four locations located in Compton. Ms. Lott stated that two signatures are required on all checks issued by the organization.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the issuance of the Information Card.

Motion: Secretary Wood, seconded by Commissioner Barger

Vote: Unanimously carried

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the application for Notice of Intention to Solicit.

Motion: Secretary Wood, seconded by Commissioner Vasquez Campbell

Vote: Unanimously carried

Application For Massage Parlor - General/SC Business License, ID #134711

Billy Yi Ping Chan
Emerald Day Spa
19162 Soledad Canyon Road
Santa Clarita (Fifth District)

Joseph Dangerfield, Treasurer and Tax Collectors Office, stated that the applicant has obtained all necessary County approvals. Investigator Carl Mc Craven, Sheriff's Department, stated that there are no objections to the issuance of the license. Mr. Henry C. Hu, authorized representative for Mr. Chan, stated that all massage technicians are licensed and the business is opened 7 days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the above-mentioned license with the following conditions:

- Abide by all standard condition of the Sheriff's Department.

Motion: Commissioner Barger, seconded by Secretary Wood

Vote: Unanimously carried

120 Day Staff Report Hearing on License for Entertainment –General With Dance /Annual Dance Business License, ID #134979 (Cont'd from 12/3/08)

John Lampasona
Frank & Dean's Restaurant Group, Inc.
3768 East Colorado Boulevard
Pasadena (Fifth District)

(At 10:36 a.m., Mr. Barger recused himself from Commission discussion on this item and left the meeting.)

Carmen Sainz and Oscar Gomez, Department of Regional Planning, stated that the application for the Billiard Room was on hold pending approval of the revised Exhibit A submitted by the applicant. Mr. Gomez also stated that as reported at the December 3, 2008 Commission meeting, various violations were reported but the business and property owners had not been notified. Mr. Gomez stated that the violations were not confirmed until after the December Commission meeting and a Notice of Violation was issued to the business and property owner. In response, the applicant submitted a revised Exhibit A, which is pending approval by Department of Regional Planning.

Mr. Gomez presented the Commission and the applicants with a memo regarding a zoning violation that Regional Planning discovered of adult business taking place at the above location. The business and property owners will be issued a Notice of Violation by the end of the week.

Mr. Rex Moats provided public comment regarding his efforts to clean up the community and his concerns with the type of entertainment at The Show at Papa Joes. June Mari and Monte Epstein provided public comment in support of The Show at Papa Joes.

Melodee Von, Owner, submitted various pictures of improvement to the lawn and example of other marquees. John Arellano stated that he extended an invitation to meet with EPIC for a community meeting.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission received the 120 day Staff Report.

Motion: President Afriat, seconded by Secretary Wood

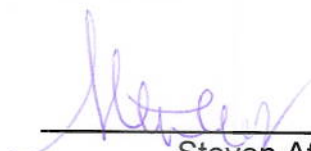
Vote: Unanimously carried

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS: The Commission agreed to cancel the January 21, 2009. The next meeting will be on January 28, 2009.

MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA TO BE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA:

ADJOURNMENT: The Commission adjourned at 11:25 a.m.



Steven Afriat, President